

FORESTS IN GERMANY

114,000 KM² OF WOODLAND
32% OF THE GERMAN LAND AREA

CLIMATE PROTECTION

- Year by year, the forests remove 58 million metric tons of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. By enclosure in wood products, the atmosphere is freed from additional 3 million metric tons of carbon dioxide.
- A load of 66 million metric tons of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is prevented by material and energetic utilization of wood as a substitute for other resources.
- Altogether, German forestry relieves the atmosphere from 127 million metric tons of carbon dioxide every year. This corresponds to 14 percent of the total annual carbon dioxide emissions of Germany.

ECONOMY

- Germany's forests contain more than 3.83 billion cubic meters of timber.
- 121.6 million cubic meters of timber grow each year, 76 million cubic meters are utilized.
- Forests provide jobs and income for more than 3 million people.



FORESTS IN GERMANY – MANAGED PROFESSIONALLY,
SUSTAINABLY AND CLOSE TO NATURE.

FORESTRY IN GERMANY
looking ahead but based on tradition

SOCIAL SERVICES

- 55 million people visit forests at least once a year.
- Recreational activities in the forests have several healthy effects.

NATURE CONSERVATION

- 140 vertebrate species live in woodlands.
- More than 3,000 plant species are growing there.
- 224 million cubic meters of deadwood are valuable habitats.

FURTHER FEATURES

- 40 percent of the water protection areas are located in woodlands.
- 10,000 square meters of forest soil are able to store 3 million liters of water.
- Every year, forests filter up to 700 metric tons of dust and soot out of the air.
- Forests prevent erosion.
- Forests provide shade and cool air.
- Forests prevent floods.